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Chancellor finalist for UNLV head position

Editor's note: This story was reported and written before the Chancellor's trip to Las Vegas.

David Raiford
Almagest

Chancellor John Darling is one of ten finalists in a search by the University of Nevada at Las Vegas for a new president. Darling said he was nominated by a third party without his knowledge. He was notified of his nomination in November of last year, and said he is flattered to be considered for the post. Darling said the fact that UNLV is considering him for the president's post at that school is a compliment to LSUS.



Darling

This is the third time Darling has been considered for a leadership position at another university. He was once in the running for the head post at the University of South Florida and again at Austin Peay State University in Tennessee. Darling said that this is only the second time he has seriously thought about leaving LSUS for another job, the first being the job at USF.

This latest job offer is part of a natural progression throughout Darling's professional life, he said. "If you look at my career, I have typically stayed in a given area for four to six years before moving on," he said. "If I wasn't looking for new opportunities to improve myself I would be cheating myself and my family."

The position at UNLV is an attractive one, said Darling, because of the size of that school, 30,000 students, and the local support of the school in the Las Vegas area.

Dr. Milton Finley, Faculty Senate president, said Darling's consideration of the position at UNLV underscores the

and local attorney, said he would be disappointed to see Darling leave, but understands Darling's interest in new

Darling removes name from consideration

On Monday, Chancellor John Darling said that he removed his name from consideration for the president's post at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Darling went to Las Vegas last Friday, interviewed for the position on Saturday and notified the school on Sunday of his desire not to be consid-

ered.

"It was a good interview," Darling said. "My wife and I are concerned about career opportunities, but also the quality of life."

The Darlings are happier with the quality of life in Shreveport than they would be in Las Vegas, Darling said.

state of higher education in Louisiana.

"It's a sad thing that the state of affairs in Louisiana's higher education makes our faculty look for jobs elsewhere," Finley said. However, he respects Darling's right to look at other opportunities.

Jeff Little, Alumni Board chairman

opportunities.

"Change is inevitable, both for the administration and the school," Little said. "I support whatever is in the best interest of LSUS and Chancellor Darling."

Darling said when he first interviewed
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Proficiency exam flunks due to student complaints

Chuck Phillips
Almagest

Students at LSUS will have one less exam to worry about this semester.

Dr. Georgia Wills, Academic Affairs Administration Intern, said that the proficiency examination has been cancelled because of "a lot of student complaints."

In past semesters, the proficiency exam was given to students who had completed certain required courses. The test was designed to measure whether or not the student had mastered the material taught.

Wills said that LSUS will ask a sampling of students to take a shorter version of the exam this semester. The test will be entirely voluntary, she said. The administration will mail some 200 requests to students asking that they submit to the 40-minute test which will be administered during a common hour in Bronson Hall.

Because students are no longer required to take the test, administration

officials worry that they may not have a very large turnout for the voluntary exam. Wills said that she would expect, about 100 students to show up. In order to make sure there will be enough students, the administration will hold a drawing for those that take the test. A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to one participant.

Dr. Milton Finley, president of the Faculty Senate feels the exam is superfluous. Finley said that he would expect students about to receive their degree to know what they are doing. He said that he believes in exit exams but thinks they should be given by the department from which the student is receiving their degree.

The proficiency examination was ordered by the LSU Board of Regents in 1987. Georgia Wills said that the LSUS administration took it upon themselves to cancel the test.

Wills said that the administration came to that decision after checking with Louisiana Tech and LSU in Baton Rouge.
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Young submits resignation

Darren Svan
Alexis Alexander
Almagest

The Assistant Director of the Shreveport Urban Services Consortium resigned Dec. 1, 1994. Calvin Young submitted a letter of resignation to Dr. Patricia Bates, vice chancellor of academic affairs, after working over a year as a grant writer for the LSUS Administration.

Last semester Young was the focus of a story in the Dec. 2, issue of *The Almagest*. The story revealed an "inaccuracy" on Young's resume.

Young's original resume stated he acquired a Master in Public Health from Tulane University. According to Tulane officials, Young never received that degree nor did he attend that university.

Young attributed the "inaccuracy" to his wife. His wife, Alvenia Young, in a letter to *The Almagest*, denied responsibility for the erroneous resume.

Before resigning, Calvin Young said in an interview with *The Almagest*, "Basically the resume was a typographical error...she put it together. On that resume she put some erroneous informa-

tion she had thought because I had talked to her about it," Calvin Young said.

Young's resignation letter claims he was forced to resign or he would be fired on the spot. "I am resigning because I have been given an ultimatum of resign now or be fired on the spot. I was not given a reason for the termination actions," Calvin Young wrote. "I have not had due process and my rights have been violated."

"I have been coerced into this action against my will and this resignation is not voluntary, but it is the lesser of two evils."

Chancellor Darling said the situation was handled by Academic Affairs, but that the resignation was accepted and effective Dec. 31.

Bates was not available for comment.

Dr. Vincent Marsala, Dean of Continuing Education and Public Service said, "Personally I think the situation could have been handled more expeditiously. It was allowed to fester on campus."

Please see "Letters to the Editor," page 6 for letters from Dr. Marsala, Dr. William Mitchell and Alvenia Young.

Eligibility problems cost Lady Pilots season

Derek Johnson
Almagest

She didn't play for a scholarship, she didn't play just to win, she played because she loved the game of basketball.

Tina Bailey, a senior LSUS Lady Pilot, was looking forward to playing this semester, but her hopes of playing one last time slipped away about two weeks ago. Tina Bailey found out the Lady Pilots would not play a single game this semester.

Larry Rambin, LSUS athletic director, said some of the players did not meet NAIA division II eligibility requirements.

"In order to be eligible, a player must take a total of 24 hours for two semesters before playing and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0," Rambin said.

Freshmen must take at least nine

hours their first semester before playing. According to Rambin, too many girls did not make the grades and one recruit did not register in time.

Rambin is confident the Lady Pilots will play again. "Without a doubt, the Lady Pilots will play in the fall," Rambin said.

Bill Woods, LSUS sports information director, expressed a similar opinion.

"We had two problems this semester. We lost some key players and some other players were not eligible. I'm disappointed because there were some seniors who were looking forward to playing," Wood said.

Autum Scott, Lady Pilot's coach, said financial problems brought the team down more than eligibility requirements. "All of the girls are working full-time, going to school full-time and playing basketball too which is a problem," Scott said. The Lady Pilots needed five players

but at the start of this semester, only four players qualified for the team.

The women's team also faced problems on the court. "We are playing teams with 10 and 20 players on the bench. We had five players playing 40 minutes while the other teams had replacements," Scott said.

Although the Lady Pilots had an 0-12 season last fall, the coach was ready to play again in the spring. "I was very disappointed. We only had four players, but a schedule has already been made for this fall so I'm confident the team will be back," Scott said. She is already recruiting at local high schools and LSUS but something still troubles her.



Scott

"I really feel said for the seniors who missed their last shot at playing again, especially Tina Bailey," Scott said.

According to Scott, Bailey was very loyal and a great team leader.

Bailey, a health and physical education senior, does not remember how she was introduced to the game but she still remembers the dreams she had while playing with her father.

"I always dreamed of being a Lady Techster but part of my dream came true because I got to play college ball. I played for the (Lady) Pilots ever since the team started in the fall of 1992. I will always remember the friendships I made while I was on the team and the games we played," Bailey said.

The Lady Pilots finished their first season 10-7 and last year finished 2-24. Bailey wanted to leave LSUS this semester on a winning season. She played her last shots on December 22.

Pickett resigns SGA vice president post

Shelly Cole
Almagest

Kurt Pickett resigned as Student Government Association vice president the week after last semester's finals for personal reasons, according to Kevin Eades, SGA president.

Eades said Pickett "was a good vice president. He was concerned a lot about the school, and I was sad to see him go."

Pickett served as a SGA senator for two semesters before being elected to the vice president position last



Pickett

spring. Pickett declined to comment about his reasons for resigning.

President Pro-Tempore, John Braud, took over the vice president seat this semester. The SGA elected Senator Davell McKay to fill Braud's vacated position on Jan. 17.

New drop procedure discussed

Shelly Cole
Almagest

The LSUS Faculty Senate voted 8-3 at the end of last semester to make a recommendation to discontinue dropping courses by phone.

The recommendation was sent to Chancellor Darling. Darling said, "The decision was not to change [the drop procedure] this semester, but we are still concerned about students dropping courses that they would be encouraged to stay in."

The Faculty Senate proposed that students attain their professor's signature before dropping a course. The professor's permission would not be necessary to drop the course. However, students would have to confer with their professor to make sure they are making a wise decision.

Dr. Milton Finley, president of the Faculty Senate, said he was against the proposal. "In the 22 years I've worked

here, it has been the student's responsibility to decide whether they should drop a course, Finley said.

"The decision should remain the students' responsibility."

The Student Government Association also opposes the Faculty Senate's decision. "I plan to submit a recommendation from the student-senate opposing the proposal," said Kevin Eades, SGA president.

Although the proposal was turned down this semester, there is a possibility it could be implemented in the future. Dr. Megan Conway, professor of Fine Arts and Foreign Languages, would like to see this happen.

"I really care about my students," said Conway. "Students often tend to overreact when they think they failed a test, and actually, they made a C." Conway said



Finley

she wants the opportunity to see where the problem lies and if the student thinks there is something she can do to improve the class.

Many students oppose the decision because of the extra time it will take to drop a course.

"It's a lot easier to drop by phone. It may be an easy class, but they just might not have the time for it," said Shawna Pittman, sophomore science major.

"Most students drop because of lack of interest, so they wouldn't take the extra effort anyway. They should keep it the way it is," said Kathy Smith, sophomore public relations major.

Conway said that while the proposed drop procedure may consume an extra 30 minutes of student's time, it could very well encourage them to stay enrolled in a course they could excel in instead of throwing away their tuition.

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KDAQ faces funding cuts from government

Heather Tuggle
Almagest

The congressional earthquake that rocked the polls in Washington last November is beginning to shake things up on campus.

LSUS's campus radio station, KDAQ, is tightening its budget in anticipation of cuts proposed by House Speaker Newt Gingrich earlier this month.

KDAQ, the National Public Radio affiliate for the Ark-La-Tex, is housed on the LSUS campus. The station's annual budget is about \$500,000 and \$400,000 of that comes from private donations, said Catherine Fraser, general manager. But, if the new Republican congress follows through with its plans to make public radio a private entity then the remaining \$100,000 of KDAQ's budget that presently comes from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting will have to be made up by the state.

"We're hoping the cuts won't be too severe, but we do expect cuts. We don't think we'll be exempt and we shouldn't

be; maybe some of those cuts are needed," Fraser said. "We expect to have last year's %15 cut doubled. Congress wants to put the bulk of this (budget) on the state, and in this state that's not a good idea."

KDAQ is currently not state funded, and its operation takes no money away from the state or from higher education. However, Fraser said that while having an NPR station on campus does cost the university anything, LSUS could be negatively affected if funding is cut.

"This university and others like it need all the money it can get from the state. So, if the states have to pick up the slack, that would be awful," Fraser said. "Also, we do lots of announcements for events at the university and lots of professors serve as news sources. We also use interns from the university and our secretary is a student worker. If we go to the state, a lot of that would disappear."

In anticipation of the impending changes, Fraser said that KDAQ has taken steps to reduce its operational costs. For example, the station is now automated overnight and some full-time

employees have moved to part-time status.

Part of the reason the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and NPR stations like KDAQ are in jeopardy is because many people feel that public radio is an elitist organization that uses government money to spread left-wing messages. Fraser disagrees.

"I think it's a shame that because we play classical music, people think we're elitist. Classical music is the background

for cartoons and commercials, and we play more than just classical. We play jazz and blues, cajun, zydeco; we have community outreach programs. It's people who don't listen to public radio that think we're elitist," Fraser said.

"It's obvious that this is not a wealthy operation. All of our furniture is donated. We only have a dozen people on payroll. It's really sad that something that serves so many people is in such jeopardy."

Organization to hold fair

Margaret Holt
Almagest

LSUS students interested in learning more about the activities and organizations available to them are invited to attend the Student Organization Council Fair Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

The fair is an opportunity for every student organization to display brochures, answer questions concerning their activities and recruit new members.

Lori Korman, assistant director of Student Activities, encourages students to attend and to get involved in an activity that interests them.

"Only ten members are needed to constitute a club, so even if students do not see anything that meets their needs, they are welcome to come into the Student Activities office and let us know, and we will do our best to come up with what they want," Korman said.

If students have any ideas, questions or comments, activities directors want to

hear from them. "The students are the reason we are here, so if they can provide us with input on how we can make the programs and services available to them more student-friendly, we are more than happy to listen," Korman said.

Some of the upcoming activities planned include intramural basketball, which is scheduled from Jan. 23 through March 9. Games will be held at the Salvation Army Boy's and Girl's Club, located at 2725 Southern Ave. Also scheduled are a table tennis tournament in the University Center game room Feb. 1, the "Gospel Explosion," which will feature various gospel singers in the University Center Theater on Feb. 18 and AIDS Awareness Week Feb. 20-24.

Korman wants students to realize that student activities compliment what takes place inside the classroom. Students will gain leadership concepts and time management skills, learn budgeting and fund-raising techniques, sharpen communication skills and build teamwork, said Korman.



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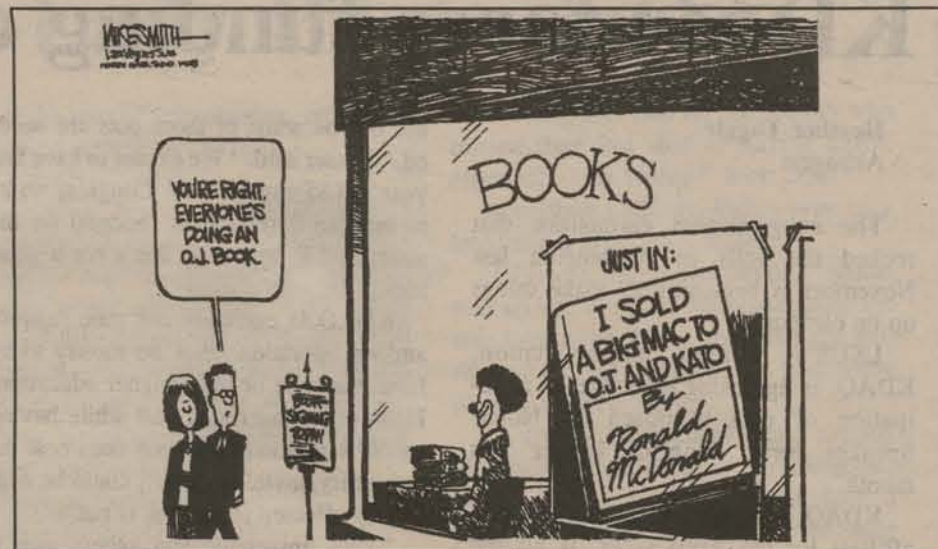
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English working hard to better the city for himself

Larry English is working hard to make Shreveport a better place in which to live, but only for himself. Larry wants to be mayor, and to this end, he is creating disturbances at every opportunity. To Larry, no publicity is bad publicity. Acting like an over-educated five-year-old in public is worth it as long as his name is spelled correctly.



Drew
White

Try this quote on for size: "Those who have power never willingly relinquish it. Those who have been historically denied access to power become more impatient even as the reality of their ownership of power comes closer." This is from Larry's latest column in the Journalpage. The Journalpage must truly be running out of ideas. Maybe they should just have columns analyzing the scathing wit of each day's "Doonesbury."

It is true that political power does not change hands easily in some parts of the world. Shreveport is not one of those parts. Even if Larry is elected mayor, there will be no armed insurrection.

In Larry's latest column, we are treated to a new and better version of representative democracy. Larry hopes that there will be no trouble when the "young black" leaders of Shreveport "dominate" the local political scene, but feels that

chaos is inevitable. Larry, do you really feel that you have no voice in Shreveport? Don't you vote?

Larry's column sounds as if it were ghost written by Moe and Curly. How can such an obsession with race be anything but racism? Larry must not feel that he is adequately represented in any forum if his representative does not look enough like him.

If his words are to be believed, Larry English is a racist. Larry's entire world revolves around black and white. In the entirety of Larry's life there has been no government sponsored segregation. A larger percentage of white voters cast their ballots for Roy Cary than did blacks for Bo Williams in the last election. Where is the racism there, Larry? Larry seems to be much more concerned about the color of the next mayor than the qualifications of the next mayor.

Larry goes so far as to compare the city of Shreveport with South Africa. Try and get over these feelings of persecution, Larry, you went to Tulane Law School. How many South Africans can say that? How many Shreveporter's can say that?

Larry, I'm your age and am just now finishing up my Bachelors Degree. This reeks of some kind of discrimination. I'm not altogether stupid, and yet my education is not complete. Help me Larry. I'd like to hold a prayer vigil outside the office of my advisor demanding credit for life experience. And as long as you're solving all of Shreveport's problems, find a quarterback for the Pirates.

Another View

Pretty persnickety?

At least we are not alone. Last month, the principal of LSU's Lab School in Baton Rouge resigned after admitting that he falsified his resume.

The former principal, Wendell McConaha, lied about holding a doctorate in administration and curriculum from Purdue University. McConaha was to take the principal's position in the fall and planned to have the doctorate completed by that time.

To ensure this problem does not occur again, LSU Provost William Jenkins said in the Baton Rouge newspaper that the academic credentials of would-be faculty members will now be checked before they are hired.

Shouldn't that be done anyway? Parents check the credentials of baby sitters. Patients check references on doctors and even lawyers. Every other employer checks an employee's record.

What makes the LSU System any different?

LSU Education Dean Larry Pierce said that no one thought to question McConaha's resume because several officials knew of him.

I know of Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy, but I don't believe every thing I hear.

LSU Chancellor William "Bud" Davis said that LSU and other universities are "pretty persnickety" about this type of thing.

Is checking resumes, references and credentials totally unheard of in higher education?

Chancellors and deans must enforce a policy to keep faculty's academic credentials on file.

Alexis Alexander
Editor

It's spring cleaning time

For a third time students at LSUS have opened their local newspaper and gazed at a picture of the Chancellor with a headline outlining his intention to seek a position at another university. Three strikes and you're out!

Hello, I think he's trying to tell us something. Maybe this university doesn't have what he's looking for. Okay, so maybe he doesn't have what we're looking for.

It may be time for some serious spring cleaning. Let's break this down into simple terms...he's looking for another job, people.

Since it's all out in the open, why doesn't the university start doing some searching of its own? Wouldn't it be great if the student body woke up Monday morning and saw an ad in the local newspaper for the Chancellor's position?

Would he even care? Probably not, but at least he would know how we felt. The majority of students are investing a tremendous amount of time - not to mention money - in this university. Most students believe that this is a good place to get a quality education. We're banking our futures on it.

If the majority of his time is spent politicking his future, who's steering this ship? Strong leadership is essential to becoming successful. There's probably a handful of qualified, dedicated, faculty already on campus who would love a crack at the top position.

We wish you the best of luck in your pursuit of a better job. Just don't knock us for wanting someone who is interested in us.

Darren Svan
Associate Editor

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Letters: Readers respond to resume inaccuracy

Faculty member: LSUS is less diverse, less pleasant with Young's resignation

December 2, 1994

Dear Almagest Editor:

muckrake, v.i. To seek for, expose, or charge, esp. habitually, corruption, real or alleged, on the part of public men and corporations. (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 2nd. ed.)

I am a faculty member in the College of Sciences. I direct one of 26 programs nationally which are sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and involve urban universities in tackling the problems of urban communities. I administer a consortium which is comprised of Southern University, the Regional Technical Institute, the Caddo Parish Schools, the City of Shreveport and the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. The consortium oversees a variety of efforts initiated by the member organizations that are intended to improve the workforce of Shreveport. One of these programs is an internship program which places LSU-S and Southern University students in small businesses at \$6/hr for 150 hours each semester. There is a wall on the fourth floor of Bronson covered with articles and pictures describing the workforce needs of our region and the programs which the Shreveport Urban Services Consortium sponsors.

Students have not heard of SUSC or how they could participate in its efforts because, I guess, it is not the kind of information you think they want to know about. The student newspaper has a grand purpose, and apparently its role is not to promote LSU-S, but to unearth skeletons. I have asked for stories to be printed on our activities, but in 14 months of operation, I got one sidebar last August, as a favor, to try to attract interns (we still had jobs go begging). Until last issue. The reporter which visited Assistant Director Calvin Young twice did not look at the wall of information. He took, but was not interested in the description of the 26 national programs that I gave him. He listened, but did not follow up on the suggestion that what Mr. Young was doing for the university was more important and more newsworthy than what he had submitted in his employment application. The reporter had an assignment, and he carried it out very competently. Someone else decided what was newsworthy.

Your editorial, "another view," enlightened us with opinion which

revealed little concern for either accuracy or human decency. Mr. Young was separated from the grants office before his misrepresentation was discovered and never did "write grants for the university." His role since July has been exclusively Assistant Director of the grant which pays his salary. His role when hired was both to assist the grant and assist faculty and staff at the university prepare grant proposals. He worked with many faculty, and one, Kenna Franklin, obtained funding. Has

Young's wife denies any part in preparing resume

January 10, 1995

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to an article published in *The Almagest* on Dec. 2, 1994, "Inaccuracy Found on Grant Writer's Resume." In this article Calvin Young was questioned about information that was contained in the resume stating he had a Master's Degree in Public Health. The article goes on to state that Calvin Young said that he wasn't aware of the erroneous information at the time the resume was prepared because his wife prepared the resume and assumed he had a Master's Degree. I would like to go on record at this time and make everyone aware that I (Alvenia Young) at no time prepared a resume for my estranged hus-

"the administration" swept this matter under the rug? The decision in September to "forgive" Mr. Young's misrepresentation was mine, and I won grudging concurrence from the administrators up the chain. Ms. Alexander chooses to second guess me from afar.

Are students invariably held to a higher standard as she suggests? I have not required students who claimed that they missed my test because they were sick to bring their doctor's verification (although that is the rule). The administration routinely allows students who have not completed their admissions paperwork to register and attend classes while we await receipt of transcripts. Many "violations" of syllabi or degree requirements are forgiven by professors or deans out of generosity and sympathy for a student's circumstances. Even students who cheat or plagiarize are permitted to re-enroll and eventually earn a degree. Are different individ-

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Marsala suggests students, faculty, staff must uphold the same standards

December 20, 1994

Dear Editor,

I feel that as a senior faculty member and administrator with 29 years of service to LSUS, I have a professional responsibility to respond to comments reported in Darren Svan's article of December 2, 1994, entitled, "Inaccuracy Found on Grant Writer's Resume."

The claim by Mr. Calvin Young that "basically the resume was a typograph-

Mitchell reported in the same article beg for a response also. In particular, I have reference to his statement, "We said this is obviously very serious, probably more serious if you were a faculty member than if you are a staff person...Had it been a faculty member a resignation would have been requested immediately. But because a master's degree was not required for the job and it was not a factor in hiring, it was deemed by myself and the external evaluator of the grant that he is an asset to the grant. We decided to forgive."

In my 29 years in higher education, I have never heard anyone subscribe to the notion that staff members are to be treated differently from faculty in judging credentials and degrees. All University personnel, faculty and staff, are judged equally in presenting resumes and credentials for employment. Fraud is fraud whether perpetrated by faculty or by staff, it matters not.

To state to Mr. Young that this deception would have been more serious if he was a faculty member was wrong and, as far as I know, not the policy of this University. Furthermore, such a statement is an insult to all staff members at LSU in Shreveport. Staff members are professional employees of this institution and the state of Louisiana and are not second class citizens to be judged with less standards.

This issue was complicated even more by allowing Mr. Young to submit a revised copy of his resume. If this is the policy, then it follows that we should allow students who are caught cheating on a test to re-submit a corrected test.

In a written response to the Editor of *The Almagest*, dated Nov. 16, 1994, the Office of Information Services stated "An apparent inaccuracy was discovered on Mr. Young's original resume...Mr. Young explained the error and submitted the revised resume..."

To minimize a clear case of misrepresentation and deception by justifying it as "an apparent inaccuracy" is totally incompatible to the value system of this University and the laws of the state of Louisiana. Everyone seems to have missed the point. This was not a simple administrative matter but involved possible violation of state laws. Mr. Young gained employment at this University, a state agency, with a fraudulent letter of application and resume stating that he

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band Calvin Young.

I had no knowledge that this had even taken place until I received a copy of this newspaper article on or about Dec. 10, 1994. The article goes on to say that I couldn't be reached for comment. The reason I couldn't be reached for comment is because at that time I had moved to Charlotte, N.C.

I contacted Dr. Lyle Cook shortly after receiving the newspaper and made him aware of the fact that I had absolutely no part in ever preparing any documents or resumes for Calvin. I told him I felt as Alexis Alexander said in her article "If someone is not truthful from the beginning, how can they be trusted until the end?"

Alvenia W. Young

ical error" is absurd to say the least and presumes that we are all idiots. Mr. Young signed the cover letter attached to his resume as "Calvin R. Young, MPH" clearly indicating that he possessed a Master of Public Health degree. Also, in the attached resume he stated that he had earned the MPH from Tulane University in 1984. I distinctly remember that Dr. Nancy Belck, then Provost, announced to the Deans' Council that Mr. Young had been employed in Academic Affairs as a Grant Writer and that he possessed the MPH from Tulane University. There was never a doubt that his graduate degree contributed to his being selected for employment. Dr. Belck even passed out copies of his letter of application and resume which clearly stated that he possessed such a degree. I recently retrieved my copy from my personal file.

The comments of Dr. William

Foreign student discusses French exchange program

Heather Tuggle
Almagest

A graduate student from the University of Picardy Jules Verne in Amiens, France, visited campus last week to discuss a program which would make it easier for American students to study in Europe.

Erika Denis began touring colleges throughout Texas and Louisiana in December to promote a global graduate student exchange agreement between American and European universities.

"My university is interested in coming to an agreement with universities in the states that would allow graduate students from the U.S. and Europe to learn from each other," Denis said. "Such a network already exists between American and European professors and we are trying to create a program that would give students the same benefits."

In order to participate in the program, a student need not be fluent in the language of the country he or she wants to visit, but an intermediate understanding of the language is preferable. The exchange program that currently exists at the University of Picardy Jules Verne

offers foreign students the chance to participate in summer, fall and spring semesters.

"For a student who wants to study overseas, going through an exchange program would be preferable to trying to make arrangements on one's own because the tuition, passport and lodging costs are already computed for you. By participating in this program, a student joins a network and not only can costs be reduced, but they will have established connections in the foreign country," Denis said.

Participants in the program at the University of Picardy Jules Verne do not have to be foreign language majors. Study is available in virtually all disciplines, excluding architecture.

An exchange program between LSUS and the University of Picardy Jules Verne does not currently exist, but students interested in spending a semester at the University of Picardy Jules Verne may contact the Department of Fine Arts and Foreign Languages or Bernard Risbourg, vice-president of international relations at the University of Picardy Jules Verne, Chemin du Thil, F80025, Amiens, France, Cedex 1.

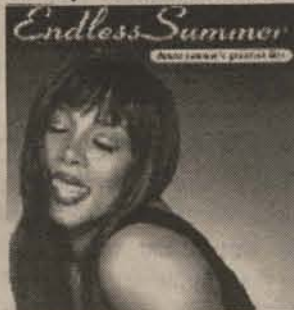
Queen of Disco returns with greatest hits release

Matt Tuggle
Almagest

Disco was declared dead in 1981. If that was ever true, it's second coming is now. There are hundreds of disco compilations on the market. Now, the Queen of Disco, Donna Summer, has released "Endless Summer." The collection contains 18 of the dance floor diva's greatest hits from the disco classic "Last Dance," to newer releases like "Melody of Love," which was co-written by Clivillés and Cole (C+C Music Factory).

This is actually the second compilation of Summer's hits. "The Best of Donna Summer" was released in the early 80s. But, "The Best of..." does not have any of Summer's more recent

releases, even "She Works Hard for the Money" is absent. In addition to lacking



her newer work, all of the songs are run together, cheesy electronic percussion has been added that sounds like a Casio on auto-pilot, and many of the songs have been edited (entire verses in some cases).

But "Endless Summer" contains the songs in the pure, unadulterated, disco glory. So, if you long for the days of platforms and polyester, "Endless Summer" could be the fix you need.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

English Department News

English Club (Club E) announces Literary Contest

Deadline: Fri., March 3

Contact: Dr. DuBose, 797-5851

The English club is now accepting entries for its first annual campus-wide literary contest. Entrants may submit either one short story (up to 10 pages) or one poem (up to 40 lines) to BH 251. Participants must put their name, address, phone number, classification along with the title of their work on a separate 3"x5" card. The card should be attached to the entry with a paper clip. One winner in each category will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Books-A-Million.

Math Department News

Need help with math 111, math 121 or math 225?

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 10:30-11:10 a.m.

Place: math 111 lab: BH 436

math 121 lab: BH 423

math 225 lab: BH 444

Contact: Dr. Conway Link, 797-5377

These labs are being held in addition to those currently being held Mon.-Fri. in BH 263 and are conducted by math faculty (Dr. Paul Deiermann, math 111 lab; Mr. Barron Tabor, math 121 lab; Dr. Rick Mabry, math 225 lab). Additional afternoon lab times may be scheduled on demand.

Math Department Seminars

Date/Time/Place: TBA

Contact: Dr. Paul Sisson, 797-5301

Department of Mathematics, 797-5377

Dr. Paul Sisson is in the process of organizing a series of seminars to be presented this spring in the math department.

Sisson welcomes suggestions from both students and faculty/staff on seminar topics.

Department of Mathematics Social/Math Club

Date/Time/Place: TBA

Contact: Dr. Judith Covington, 797-5377

A math club to be affiliated with the Mathematics Association of America (MAA) is undergoing formation. For more information on the math club and its spring activities, call Dr. Covington.

College of Business News

Students honored in national competition

Allison Carter and Cynthia Godbey placed in the southwest district competition of the 1994 National Collegiate Competition in Promotional Products and Target Marketing. Carter and Godbey's team tied for third in the competition in which they used promotional products and marketing to promote the "Making JCPenney a Winner at Cards" campaign of the JCPenney Co.

Department of Fine Arts News

A Study Tour of Japan

Contact: Professor Meiko Peek, 797-

The Japanese Club is planning a trip to Japan from May 22-June 16. Contact Peek for more information.

Video: "A Taste of Japan: A Tradition of Hospitality"

Date: Feb. 2

Time: 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Place: BH238

Contact: Professor Meiko Peek, 797-

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Recently, I remember looking at the breakdown of my tuition and fees experiencing a revelation. It wasn't the fiscal sum that caused my mental avalanche, but one of the itemized fees on my bill: \$10 athletic fee.

I was outraged. Angrily, I thought, "I don't even use the Health and Physical Education building!" It was then that it dawned on me that since I was paying for it, perhaps I should use it.

All of this started well over a month ago with the holiday season. Every year almost everyone indulges with holiday treats and feasts. And almost everyone does so with the honest intent of losing the extra weight gained. I, myself, resolved for the new year to - among other things - exercise regularly and get back into shape. As my girlfriend likes to remind me, my high school soccer playing days are long behind me.

To drive this point home, Time Magazine recently had a cover story titled "Girth of a Nation." Basically, it

detailed how Americans were heavier now than ten years ago. The bottom line was that we take in (eat) more calories than we burn (exercise). With all of this in mind, I decided to check out the H&PE building and see what it had to offer.

The first thing I noticed was how deserted the building was. I gave myself the walking tour and took note of the facilities: indoor pool; six racquetball courts; basketball, tennis and volleyball courts; dance studio; weight room and complete locker/dressing rooms.

"This is great!" I thought. "All I need now is a racquetball partner." Exercise benefits aside, to me nothing beats the stress relief of smashing a little blue ball around a large empty room. I know where I'm going come mid-terms.

My suggestion to all my fellow LSUS students that are looking for a way to exercise or just to have a little fun, is to check out the facilities here on campus. After all, you are paying for the privilege to use them.

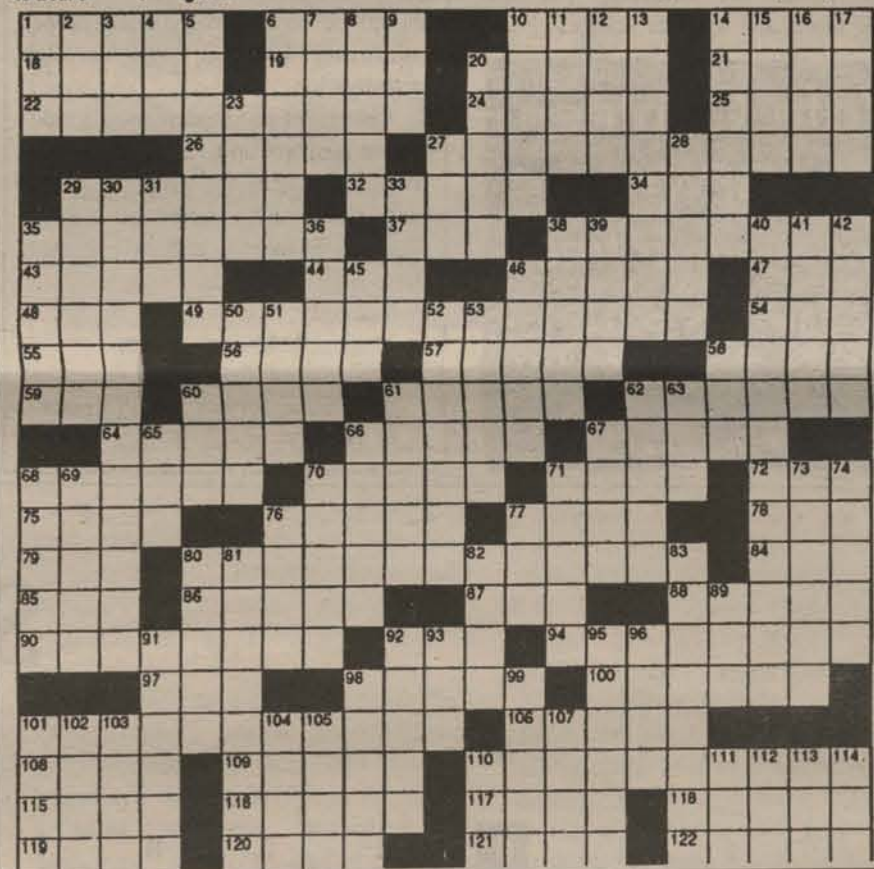
Anyone for a game of racquetball?

LSUS Pilots Home Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Jan. 28	Loyola Univ. - N.O.	4 p.m.	Hirsch
Feb. 4	LeTourneau Univ. **	7:30 p.m.	Shreve
Feb. 13	Houston Baptist	7:30 p.m.	Shreve
Feb. 16	Ambassador College	7:30 p.m.	Shreve

** Homecoming Game

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landmark	67 Skirt feature	94 Slave	6 Sing in the	41 Spine-	81 Short story
19 Out of town	58 Biting	97 Catchall	spring	lingling	82 Do more than
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21 Film holder	61 Folksy poet	restaurant?	8 Joshua's	46 Knight's	songbird
22 Kangaroo's	Edgar	100 Cry from	companion	game	89 Hurry
favorite	62 Willie Shoe-	Archimedes	9 See 109	50 Teach on	91 Pay up
appetizer?	maker, e.g.	101 Leopard's	Across	the side	92 Dough nut?
24 Helps a hood	64 Snake-bite	favorite	10 Virologist	51 Energy	93 "Minnesota"
25 Mr. Saarinen	poison	fabric?	Albert	source	has two
26 Building	66 Cock and	105 James Brolin	11 Used a	52 Sumptuous	95 Restrict Rover
feature	bull	series	scuffle	53 Absque-	96 Kicks oneself
27 Lion's favorite	67 Maestro	108 Revise	12 Art deco	54 Opera	98 "Calypso"
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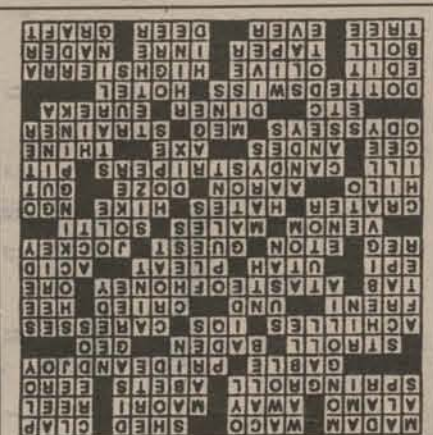
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Answers to this week's Super Crossword



Answers to Super Crossword

Proficiency exam flunks student's tests

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Rouge and learning that they are no longer requiring the exam. Wills said, "The only other school in our area that gives the proficiency exam is Bossier Parish Community College, and I think they just do it so students can transfer to LSUS."

Many students have complained not only about the stress and inconvenience associated with the exam, but also about having to pay \$15 to sit for the test.

For those students who have already taken the test, the results are part of the student's permanent record and there are no plans to remove it from the files.

Wills said that regardless of the student's score, it should not affect admissions into any graduate school or other academic institution. Officials in Admissions and Records said the scores are posted on the transcript, but not printed when sent to other schools.

Marsala: Faculty, staff, students expected to meet same standards

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possessed a graduate degree when in fact he did not in order to secure a paid position. Thus it appears that this person was collecting public funds fraudulently. Such actions, if guilt is found, are clearly prohibited by Louisiana Statutes and are classified as felonies with serious penalties, including return of public funds. Such an act would fall under the following statutes: La. Rev. Stat. 14:133, Filing False Public Records; LRS 14:72, Forgery; LRS 14:67, Theft. Violations of each of these Revised Statutes are felonies and must not be treated lightly by the University. On the contrary, such possible violations should be turned over to the proper authorities for full and thorough investigation.

We expect our students and graduates to measure up to the highest standards of integrity for which Louisiana State University is noted, so also we require our faculty and staff to meet these same standards.

Sincerely,
Vincent J. Marsala, Dean
Division of Continuing Education
and Public Service and Professor
of History

Mitchell: The Almagest doesn't know difference between tragedy, scandal

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uals held to different standards? Certainly. Students who cut classes are not automatically failed, but faculty who do so are severely disciplined.

"If someone is not truthful from the beginning, how can they be trusted until the end?" One of the things I enjoy most about academic life (in contrast to the "real world") is that imperfection is accepted and everyone, students, faculty, and staff, is encouraged to grow and become different. Students are not typecast by their performance on their first test or their grade in their first class. Ms. Alexander apparently espouses a "another view"—once...always. She advocates that we ought to root out from our community those who have ever failed us, and she castigates "the administration" for not assuming the

worst in a stranger and zealously enforcing safeguards which protect our community from those who don't belong in it. I guess that with the Almagest's help this story has a happy ending: Mr. Young has resigned. Good riddance? His own fault? However you rationalize it, two consequences are evident to me: LSU-S is now a less diverse, less pleasant place to be because of the Almagest's mean-spirited handling of this "story," and the Almagest has embarrassed itself by publicly revealing that it doesn't know the difference between a tragedy and a scandal.

Dr. William Mitchell

Department of Computer Science & Geography

Darling committed to success of LSUS

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for the chancellor's position at LSUS the search committee asked him how long he would stay at LSUS. Darling told the committee that, given his professional history, they could expect to have him for four to six years. Darling has been at LSUS for five years and said he is still committed to LSUS.

"Any question about my commitment

to LSUS is ludicrous," said Darling. "I have given LSUS 100 percent since I have been here, and will continue to be committed to the success of LSUS."

Darling visited for Las Vegas last Saturday for his first interview at UNLV. After this round of interviews, the field of candidates will be narrowed to five. The Nevada Board of Regents will select a president Feb. 17.

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